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## ATTENTION PLEASE!

To My Many Friends: As I have  
learned that there has been a rumor  
going around in some parts of the  
country that I had left the Church of  
God and had built a church, I should  
like to say that this report is all un-  
true and without any foundation  
whatsoever. I have been with the  
Church of God a little over twenty-  
five years; my first license was dated  
August 22, 1924, and I have been car-  
rying them ever since that date. I  
haven't found any church govern-  
ment that would in any way appeal  
to me like the Church of God gov-  
ernment. I recently conducted a re-  
vival meeting at Seaboard, Va., and  
there were eighteen baptized with the  
Holy Ghost, twenty saved, and sanc-  
tified. A church was organized with  
thirty members.—A. J. Cox, Bluefield,  
Va., License No. 1678.

## COVER PICTURE

The Church of God at Roan and E  
Streets, in Elizabethton, Tennessee,  
has passed another milestone in its  
history. This church has not always  
had smooth sailing, but was opposed  
by both devil and man. The people  
of town had a petition against the  
church being built. Even the town's  
leading men had plotted and planned  
to force the church to move beyond  
the limits of the city to erect this  
building, but praise be unto the Most  
High, He hath caused His people to  
triumph gloriously.

This beautiful brick building, 91 by  
42 feet, has beautiful stained-glass  
windows, hardwood floors, choir loft,  
with office rooms on both sides of the  
platform. The lighting system is said,  
by many townspeople, to be the best  
of any public building in town. There  
are Sunday School rooms in the base-  
ment. The large lot on which the  
church stands is 150 by 150 feet, laid  
in a beautiful green lawn and cov-  
ered with nearly 100 pieces of ever-  
green. Real estate men have valued  
this property at \$50,000.

This church building is a monu-  
ment unto the Lord and the faithful  
pastors, members, and friends. It is  
on a large corner lot in the center of  
town. How did it come to pass? God  
moved in behalf of His people. He says  
in His Word, "Call upon me, and I  
will answer thee and show thee great  
and mighty things which thou know-  
est not." However, much sacrifice was  
made and much hard labor given. All  
departments in the church—the L.W.-  
W.B., the Y.P.E., and Sunday School—  
contributed freely. Much of the labor  
was donated. The pastor worked un-  
tiringly day in and day out, but it was  
worth all effort and sacrifice. Rever-  
end Ted Moore did much to build this  
church, in securing the lot and put-  
ting the church under roof. Since  
last Assembly, the writer, formerly of  
Pennsylvania, came to Elizabethton  
to pastor and to finish this great  
church. All praise and honor be unto  
the King, Most High.—Elwood A.  
Kern, Pastor.

EDITOR'S NOTE—The beautiful  
church edifice that adorns the front  
cover is positive proof that despite  
limitations within and opposition  
without, a group of wholehearted  
members with courageous leadership  
will succeed in carrying out apparent  
impossible programs for God and His  
Church.

# ... Editorials ...

## EPHESUS

The word "Ephesus" means to **let go or relax**. Therefore, it is not at all surprising that the Lord Jesus filed the complaint, "Thou hast left thy first love," against the Ephesian church, for the church had started coasting, free wheeling, if you please, and, of course, this means that it was going downhill—yes, going down!

But, the very fact that they were going down gives them credit for having been up, up on the very top of these credits: First, they were patient. Second, they were workers—yea, laborers! Third, they had nothing in common with evildoers. Fourth, they had the courage to expose and denounce those making claims to apostleship. Fifth, they had been burden-bearers, responsible, trustworthy. Sixth, they were of the same attitude as Christ toward the Nicolaitans—hated their deeds. (The Nicolaitans believed that the ministers constituted a holy order that should be separated from the laity, somewhat like the priestly order under the Levitical laws. Christ and His Church are still of the same attitude of the Ephesian church. There's no place for lords over God's heritage.) Seventh, they had not fainted while meriting all these compliments. What a record and how many churches fall far beneath it!

"Nevertheless," says Christ, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

Yes, they had **relaxed** to take inventory of their accomplishments, battles fought and victories won, and had become "at ease in Zion." It had become the "used to" type of church—pastor and members alike. They had **relaxed** and intentionally or unintentionally, knowingly or ignorantly, at the same time, had "let go" of love! This default was so enormous and tragic as to hurl all the accomplishments of the church far, far to the background.

I just wonder how many of the near 400,000 local churches of the 256 denominations in the U.S.A. are under the same divine indictment. Then, if we were in position to correctly register the love for God, neighbors, and the church in the hearts of the 500,000,000 professed Christians throughout the world, don't you fear that the check-up would show **low love pressure**?

Now coming to our own denomination with its 140,000 members, including 1,132 ordained ministers, 242 ordained evangelists, 2,251 evangelists, and 790 exhorters, the question is, what is our love rating? In other words, how many of us Church of God ministers and members have **first love**? It must be normal or subnormal, high or low, first, second, third, lukewarm, or something. We must not forget that, after all, our status is by no means a secret, for whether we be laymen, exhorters, teachers, Y. P. E. leaders, L.W.W.B. presidents, evangelists, pastors, district pastors, state overseers, departmental executives or supervisors, or general officials, keep in mind that there is a public thermometer over our lives and works that somehow the people read or hear about far and near.

If "first (divine) love" fills and motivates our hearts, it is of God, for God is love, the first love. He gave to the world the first expression of love, "His only begotten Son."

Jesus became first love for and to the church. "Christ loved the church and gave himself for it."

"First (divine) love" is received when we actually receive Christ Jesus. We can best manifest and demonstrate that love as members of His representative body, "the Church of God." By "first love" the local church succeeds; a district, a state makes progress; and as a consequence, the general church expands and goes forward, gaining favor with God and man.

Since we earnestly desire that this be the good fortune of the Church of God, as a safeguard against indifference and becoming anemic and subject ourselves to this serious indictment, "Thou hast left thy first love," let us ever keep this noted logbook of a notable missionary sailor before us:

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

## THE SUNFLOWER STATE

Despite the heat (and I mean heat of 104 F. and more) it was a delightful visit that I had with State Overseer W. E. Dowdy and his cooperative group of ministers and members in one of the sweetest-spirited camp meetings and state conventions I have been privileged to attend.

One could not help being definitely impressed with the progress of the state under Brother Dowdy's leadership. The ministers love and appreciate him, and state overseer and ministers alike are putting God and His Church first; and, of course, that attitude, plus working faith, is gradually giving Kansas a complimentary place in the Church of God among Western States.

It is regretted that the lovely group picture on page six of the Aug. 27 issue was identified as the Sunday School at North Fork, Va., when it should have been "Northfork, W. Va."



# The Bible Plan of Salvation

Rev. A. F. Newport, Pastor at Orangeburg, South Carolina

*"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life," John 5:24*



Rev. A. F. Newport

How important it is to have a plan in building a home. As we ride along the highways of this great country of ours and notice the beautiful homes that have been constructed, we know they were not thrown up in a haphazard way; rather, they were designed by master architects. If it is important to have a plan to build an earthly home, which in the process of time will be reduced to rubbish, how much more should we have a plan in building an ETERNAL HOME? The Divine Architect (Jesus) gives us that plan in the words of our text. Too many have deviated from the Bible plan of salvation and have followed cunningly devised fables (creeds and dogmas of men). The results have been "a house upon the sand."

There are no substitutes for SALVATION. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Salvation must come from God's Son. John 5:21. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath

of God abideth on him," John 3:36. Life begins in salvation; no one can really say he lives unless he knows Jesus Christ as his own blessed Saviour. To receive the Son and eternal life, four things are mentioned in our text by the Master.

## 1. HEARING, BELIEVING, RECEIVING, AND PASSING OVER

Notice how Jesus puts the emphasis on His words: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word." God speaks to us through His Word, Rom. 10:17. The trouble with so many of us we have ears to hear and hear not. As I write this article, I can imagine I see Jesus speaking to you, and you are so irreverent you won't be still and listen, and God may be speaking to you for the last time. To you the blessed Word of God sounds like an idle tale. Many of you have been reared in Church of God homes and rocked in a holiness cradle (Some of your fathers and mothers are preachers), and you can't say that you never heard the Word. In fact, you have heard it many times, but to no avail. Those two members (ears) on each side of your cranium were put there for a specific purpose, that you might be blessed to hear. The deaf are pitiful, indeed. If you are deaf spiritually, your case is far more deplorable than the deaf physically because you have ears to hear and hear not. May God give you listening ears. Jesus said, "Blessed . . . are your ears for they hear," and having heard,

## 2. BELIEVE

It is one thing to hear God's Word and quite another to believe and practice what you hear. Someone has said, "I don't believe what I hear (even though it's authentic)." How true that statement is; if they really and truly heard it for good, they would believe it. That reminds me of the testimony of the man Jesus sent to the pool of Siloam to wash and receive his sight. He testified to the Christ-rejecting Pharisees how that Jesus had opened his eyes, by a simple act of faith, John 9:11. They were so blind and prejudiced to the truth that they closed their eyes and ears

to the great miracle and the living witness that stood before them. No wonder Jesus said, "Ye are blind." Thousands today are blind because of unbelief. They cast the poor fellow out of the SINNER-GOG. He was better off; he found Jesus, believed upon Him, and worshiped Him.

Unbelief is an awful thing. It will shut up the kingdom of heaven against you. It will damn your soul for eternity. Mark 16:16. It is impossible for God to save an unbeliever. They that come to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them the diligently seek Him. Heb. 11:6.

The word "believe" is emphasized many times in the Bible. Jesus used it over and over during His ministry. Let us notice just a few passages of scripture where it is mentioned. "He that believeth on him (Jesus) is not condemned," John 3:18. "He that believeth on me, as the scriptures hath said, out of his belly (inward soul) shall flow rivers of living water," John 7:38. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation," Rom. 10:9, 10. So you see, dear reader, it is not an expression from the teeth out that saves us; rather, it is believing from the heart. As we believe, we look forward to the joy of

## 3. RECEIVING

"Hath everlasting life." What a priceless possession for one to have! the hope of living ETERNALLY. We dare not be indifferent lest we forfeit our right to an ETERNAL HOME. Jesus, in His immortal words, takes us beyond the realm of the natural into the ETERNAL. Our lives are not wrapped up in three score years and ten. The apostle Paul said, "I die daily." He meant just exactly what He said, that the outward man was perishing but the inward man (soul) was renewed day by day. 2 Cor. 4:17. He had a glorious gaze into the ETER-

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# Foreign Missions

All the World—  
Every Creature

J. H. WALKER  
Executive Missions Secretary

NORTHWESTERN MEXICO CONVENTION, JUNE 10-12



Brother Hargrave says: I have just returned from the Northwestern Mexico Convention, in which God blessed in a mighty way. A number of souls were filled with the Holy Ghost, and I must say that each year northwestern Mexico is becoming more mission-minded. Our mission offering was 257.10 pesos (\$428.35).

## FIRST YOUTH FOR CHRIST MEETING HELD IN PALMER, ALASKA

May 6, 1949

The first Youth for Christ Congress was held in the largest church in Palmer, with over 200 in attendance. Rev. J. H. Davis' daughter, Ramona, is the president of the Youth for Christ of this city. This, to them, was some large crowd to get into a church in Alaska, for so many of the youth there are steeped in sin. "The curse of drink and immorality are the prevailing sins."

They ask that you join in prayer that God will abundantly bless these young people in Alaska.

## GIVING CREDIT WHERE IT IS DUE

Dear Church of God Family:

I wish to again say how very much we appreciate the help that you make

possible for your home missionary, Brother Johnnie Owens, of Atlanta, Ga., to be to us and the work here. You would have to be here to realize the great poverty among the very many poor throughout our island. This good brother has kept on sending us supplies that we are able to keep giving out. You should see the way hungry hearts are being helped and blessed in this way. Only yesterday we received five packages from him, and they were scarcely in the house before they were being sent out to bless the needy ones. Dear ones, keep up this good work; your reward is sure.—Your Missionary, J. B. Winter, Overseer, Barbados.

## REDS GAINING IN FAR EAST

April elections in Burma probably will decide whether this ancient land

## AN APPEAL

Do you have any good musical instruments you would like to have in service in the mission field?

We have calls for some musical instruments, and it occurred to me that you might have one or more instruments you would like to donate to the mission cause. Please write us what you have. We shall be glad to place them for you somewhere to the glory of God. May the Lord bless you. We thank you in advance.

will become another puppet state of Moscow.

Latest information from unimpeachable sources in Burma indicate that the Reds probably will soon take over. Already the key governmental posts are held by Russians, and the Communists virtually hold the reins.

Opposition to missionaries is mounting and some are moving their families and goods to India, feeling that the situation is hopeless.

The Karens, nominally Christian and strongly nationalistic tribesmen of Burma, always have fought hard for independence. Today, however, they form the greatest anti-Red faction in Burma, because of the avowed atheistic principles of the Communists.—*Christian Life*.

## CZECHS COOL TO COMMUNISM

There is plenty of evidence that the Czechs are not swallowing the Soviet formula hook, line, and sinker. This is especially true of conservative Protestant groups.

When church leaders were urged to join in a nation-wide celebration of the Communist coup of February 26, 1948, there was little response. Only Orthodox Church and Jewish groups showed any degree of enthusiasm.

A Baptist pastor, the Rev. John J. Pavelda, of Phoenix, who has returned to this country after eighteen months in Czechoslovakia, told a Chicago congregation:

"The Communists are in a minority—they are only a handful of the population. Their ideology is not gaining among the people."

Dr. Pavelda was forced to return to the U. S. by a government decree which forbade work by American clergymen.

"The Communists grew afraid our American viewpoint would influence the people," he said.—*Christian Life*.

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# Reports FROM THE FIELD

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## VIA LONG DISTANCE

Thirteen nights' revival at East Gadsden, Alabama, results in numbers saved, sanctified, and sixty-five filled with the Holy Ghost—many who had been seeking for their baptism a long time. M. A. Bell, pastor; Brother and Sister Al Edenfield, evangelists.

## THE PINE MOUNTAIN PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP

The seventh meeting of the Pine Mountain Pentecostal Fellowship was held at the Mountain Assembly Church of God in Royal Blue, Tennessee. As the other meetings, this meeting was blessed from the beginning with the presence of the Holy Ghost. The choir and special singing by different groups was enjoyed by all. There were twenty-one ministers from many different Pentecostal groups present.

We were highly honored by having as our guest speaker, Rev. J. D. Bright, Editor-in Chief of Church of God Publications. His message on "The Fatherhood of God" was anointed by the Holy Ghost and inspiring to everyone.

We are looking forward to our next meeting with great joy, because every one seems to get better.—Yours in Christ, Erskire R. Mink, Secretary-Treasurer.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** It was not only my pleasure and privilege to be with the good people at Royal Blue, but also with District Pastor H. M. Hunt and his good membership Sunday morning and night. My son Elliotte and I enjoyed the services immensely, and were never treated with more courtesy and shown more hospitality than by Brother and Sister Hunt. Brother Hunt is a successful pastor and district overseer. He is not only a good preacher but he works.

## REV. THEA JONES CONDUCTED SUCCESSFUL SOUL-AND-BODY-HEALING REVIVAL IN CHATTANOOGA

God's wonderful power was greatly manifested here in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in a three weeks' soul-and-body-healing revival, conducted by Rev. Thea F. Jones, pastor at Missionary Ridge.

Never in the history of this city has anyone had the privilege to witness so many mighty healings.

Four hundred and fifty-two people were converted, and two thousand sick and afflicted were prayed for. Out of this number, one hundred deaf persons testified they could hear, forty blind people testified they could see, and twenty-three who were deaf and dumb heard and spoke. Many others testified of being healed of cancers, tumors, goiters, tuberculosis and other diseases.

Each night the tent was completely filled, with all standing room taken and hundreds standing outside. The people came in trucks, school buses, and any way they could get here, from hundreds of miles away, to witness the mighty power of God and the powerful messages delivered by Brother Jones. Some came and stayed all day under the tent to be sure of a seat that night, while some arrived as early as 3 p. m.

God saved Brother Jones when he was a thirteen-year-old boy living in the slums of Cincinnati, Ohio. At the age of fourteen God called him into the ministry. Hundreds have found God under this wonderful ministry.

One night each week of the revival was given to those seeking the Holy Ghost. In one service alone between twenty-five and fifty people received the Holy Ghost. Yes, God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is our Saviour and Healer. Praise His name!—Blanche Pruett, 2016 Tyerly Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

## REPORT FROM MEMPHIS, TENN.

We are happy to report that the church in Memphis is moving forward for the Lord. Since Brother C. E. Richard has been pastoring, a number of activities have helped our local church financially and spiritually. A new garage has been added to the parsonage; metal awnings now cover the front door and windows; the interior has been completely repainted; and there has been a purchase of new furniture amounting to \$1,200. A large neon sign, 8x10 feet, now stands at the church. The approximate cost of this was \$575. We have

purchased the adjoining lot and plan a building program. We went over the top with all our state programs—mission, orphanage, aged ministers, and Lee College.

Sister Richard is president of the L.W.W.B. and is a faithful worker. The Band has raised several hundred dollars in various activities.

We have ended a seven-weeks revival, in which souls were saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. There is a revival spirit among our people.

Also, a new work has been started in South Memphis, with Brother S. J. Fleming as the pastor. Much has been accomplished, as they are ready to buy a lot and start building a new church. This was made possible by the wonderful offering of \$514 received in a special-day service. We are glad to see the work expanding here in Memphis, for the people really need to hear the full gospel. May we have your prayers.—Evelyn Anderson.

## REVIVAL IN MOSINEE, WISCONSIN

We have experienced one of the greatest revivals we have had in a long time.

We were favored in having as our evangelist our esteemed overseer, Rev. Y. W. Kidd. Reverend Kidd certainly is a great preacher, and really has the burden for souls on his heart.

One night, in particular, we saw a scene that blessed our souls. A dear brother seventy-two years old, who was in Pentecost for twenty-five years, was seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost when the Spirit of God picked him right up, laid him down, and spoke through him in an unknown tongue, while next to him was Rev. Kidd's ten-year-old daughter speaking in tongues and laughing in the

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# Camp Meeting Echoes - Convention Reports

## OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING REMINISCENCE

While Fourth of July celebrators were homeward bound, the curtain was raised on Oklahoma's great state camp meeting and convention, convening for the first time on the newly acquired site at Chandler. According to widely traveled ministers, Oklahoma has one of the best and most beautiful camp sites and state parsonages in the Church of God.

Rev. C. J. Hindmon, while just a freshman overseer, had a senior program outlined, and his handling of the services was the very best.

Rev. J. D. Bright, our Editor-in-Chief, had been selected as camp meeting speaker, and his messages were forceful, inspirational, fundamentally strong, and seasoned with the power of God and camp meeting atmosphere. His morning lectures and instructions were indispensable to both ministry and laity.

Other ministers and their messages, which were enjoyed, are the following: Brother Waller of Kansas, using the subject, "God Makes Man; Man Makes God." Also, his singing of "Pilot Me" was enjoyed very much. Rev. C. C. McAfee, of Bristol, Tenn., carried us back to the old days, in preaching on "The Holy Ghost Baptism," and his singing of "Throw a Line" was greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Rev. S. J. Wood, former overseer of Oklahoma, was at his usual best in preaching on "The Tenses of a Christian Warfare." Our young ministers may well profit by the years of experience packed in Brother Wood's messages. Added color was lent to our camp meeting by two fine speakers against the whiskey traffic, in the persons of Mr. E. W. Whitney and Mr. David Sheppard, a lawyer leading the state for dries. Mr. Sheppard, with his statistical reports and general thoughts, was very impressive; we have heard preaching with less inspiration. Brother Elmo Madewell preached on "These Signs Shall Follow Them That Believe," and he surely reached the heights of anointing. His presentation of the youth service was enjoyed very much. Brother Madewell is a blessed and enthusiastic worker for the Lord.

The Ladies' Willing Workers' program, led by Sister Hindmon, showed

some real enterprising and inspired Bands of workers throughout the state, especially at Lawton, Oklahoma City, and Guthrie. Sister Wood gave an inspiring talk in connection with this program, and she certainly carries her end of a preaching family of Woods.

Credit also goes to Sister F. H. Dance, of Enid, and her co-workers, for the time spent in training the children in Daily Vacation Bible School. The time allotted them on the program showed time and talents well spent.

One of the outstanding heights of the camp meeting was the singing of the Lee College Male Quartet. Their presence certainly was a morale builder and a plug for our College at Cleveland, Tennessee. Their songs were well balanced and carried great messages to saint and sinner. Yes, Lee College Quartet will long be remembered in Oklahoma.

Among the outstanding out-of-state visitors were Rev. E. O. Kerce, overseer of Texas; Rev. W. E. Dowdy, overseer of Kansas; Sister L. L. Hughes, wife of the Arkansas overseer; Brother Taylor of Ladonia, Texas; Brother Waller of Coffeyville, Kansas; Brother C. C. McAfee, of Bristol, Tenn.; Stanley Rippetoe, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Brother Brazell, an instructor at Lee College. Brother Brazell gave us a fine message on "God in Creation," and explained a number of interesting high lights of Lee College.

The spiritual tide of this great camp meeting was carried back to the local churches and will long be remembered in the hearts of those who attended.—O. N. Swearengin, Reporter.

## SOUTH CAROLINA'S CAMP MEETING ECHOES

The Pentecostal power fell upon the great multitude gathered for the state convention and camp meeting of the Churches of God in South Carolina. Lifting holy hands and with hearts attuned heavenward, thousands of Spirit-filled saints joined their voices in a grand paean of praise to the Son of God. Like the crescendo of a mighty organ, their voices rose higher and higher until the words and sounds of the earthly language were absorbed by the rapturous praises of the heavenly language as the Holy Spirit glorified the name of the im-

maculate Son of God. Many messages and interpretations were given to the anxious throng as the Holy Spirit spoke suddenly and clearly. He said, "O my people, do you not see the signs of the times? The judgment is near; the Judge standeth at the door. Be ye perfect and establish your hearts." At another time He said, "Worship the Lord, and pray always that ye may be counted worthy to escape all those things which shall come as a snare upon the world."

Every speaker seemed to have the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Brother H. L. Chesser, our General Overseer, gave great messages of practical instructions. Brother A. M. Phillips, our Business Manager at the Publishing House, preached under a blessed anointing. Brother Ralph Williams, our National Youth Director; Brother J. Stewart Brinsfield, President of Lee College; Brother A. V. Beaube, State Overseer of Tennessee; Brother E. W. Williams, State Overseer of North Carolina, and Brother E. L. Simmons, State Overseer of Georgia, added much to the camp meeting by their inspired messages. A host of ministers from North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, and Florida, with smiling faces and evident fellowship, gladdened the hearts of all.

Our highly esteemed and beloved state overseer, Brother Houston R. Morehead, was at his very best. He moderated all the services with a consecrated humbleness that brought the power down. The South Carolina ministers were at their posts of duty endeavoring to do all to make the camp meeting a success. The laity was present. Great crowds attended all the

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# Our Assistant General Overseer Zeno C. Tharp's Report on His Convention Visitations

I feel that I was very fortunate to have the privilege of visiting the state conventions in the Western States. Nothing could have pleased me better. I have always had a feeling in my heart for the states west of the Mississippi, especially those with only a few small churches. So when it was decided that I was to visit those conventions this year, I felt very happy. Everywhere I was cordially received and met with a warm welcome. I could never forget the many courtesies shown me in the various places where I visited.

The work in general is far more encouraging than I had expected to find it. There are signs everywhere of a great sacrifice. Apparently, many have struggled a long time to get the Church established. In spite of one setback after another, they have held on, and we believe the seeds sown are now bringing results. Practically all the states seem to be making substantial growth, and I believe greater days are ahead for the Church in the great North and West.

Many of the states had arranged for a real camp meeting and were richly rewarded for their efforts. The only difference I could discern between the camp meetings in the North and West and those in the South is the size. The camp meetings in the South, of course, are larger, but otherwise I could see very little difference. The smaller states have a little of everything that the larger ones have. I think, if anything, the fellowship perhaps is a little greater in the smaller states. Most of the camp meetings furnished free entertainment. Meals were prepared by either volunteer cooks, or the churches were assigned to serve. This put everyone on equal basis, so we had all things common.

In every state there seemed to be a great fellowship between the ministers and their state overseers. Very few complaints were heard. Most states seemed to think they had the best overseers they ever had. With such a



Rev. Zeno C. Tharp

spirit existing, they are bound to make success. From my observations and reports, this is by far the greatest year for the Church of God. We should not be surprised if the greatest revival of all times is right at the door.

Neither Brother Chesser nor I was able to visit the camp meeting in Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, California, Idaho, or Nebraska. Brother Bright, Editor-in-Chief, attended the camp meeting in Kansas and Oklahoma. Brother R. R. Walker, General Secretary, attended the meetings in Kansas and western Canada. Excellent reports were received from all of these meetings.

## ARIZONA

My first convention was in Arizona. Brother Douglas was very enthusiastic about his work. The state had had a very successful year. He gave his pastors credit for being the best preachers in the world. They in turn seemed to think he was the best state overseer in the world. The mission offering was one of the best. Many people gave as much as \$25 or more. Waves of glory swept over the congregation as different ones told how God had healed them. A single girl said she had been stone blind in one eye for a long time, but was instantly healed. She gave \$25 in the mission offering. Another lady could hardly move her arm and was even unable to take off her wrist watch, but she was instantly healed and was able to wave both arms above her head and praise God for what He had done for her. This was indeed a great meeting.

## MISSOURI

A large tent was erected in Columbus Park, a lovely place for a camp meeting. A representative from the Chamber of Commerce addressed the camp meeting one night and talked as if the city might deed it to the Church of God for a permanent campground. The tide was running high when I arrived. Brother Henry, state overseer, seemed to know exactly what to do to keep it that way. The Lee College quartet rendered some of the best singing I ever heard. The spirit which accompanied their singing made a great impression upon the camp meeting. The Goodman family was there for several services, also. The attendance was large, and everybody seemed to be well pleased with the camp meeting. They are looking forward to a campground of their own next year. Brother Burroughs of Alabama did the night preaching, and many great messages were heard.

## MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN

The convention was held in the local church building in Minneapolis. Brother Kidd, overseer, had been working on the church, repainting and remodeling, not only for the convention but to make it more attractive for the local church services. The local church had been without a pastor for some time, but Brother Kidd had been serving them until one could be secured. From all appearance, he had been doing a great work. Excellent meals were furnished by the churches, free of charge, and served in the basement. The attendance was good considering the number of churches we have in Minnesota and Wisconsin. I do not see how the services could have been any better. A real evangelistic spirit prevailed throughout the meeting, and many were blessed in the altar.

Sunday morning mission service was outstanding, and I believe everyone present received a greater vision of our mission work. The floor offering amounted to approximately \$2.00 per person for everyone present.

Brother Kidd and family have their hearts wrapped up in the work and are very enthusiastic and highly pleased with the outlook. Preparations are being made for a greater camp meeting next year.

## NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA

Big camp meetings are nothing new for the Dakotas. They have been having them for years, and have a beautiful, well established campground at



Minot. They have always been mission-minded. That was one of their main subjects during the past camp meeting. They are interested in making our mission program larger and more efficient.

Few men, if any, are harder workers than Brother Pettyjohn, their overseer. He was working day and night to see that all of his duties were performed.

Much stress was laid on divine healing by Brother Miller and Brother Myers who had charge of the evangelistic services at night. Scores of people filled the prayer line in the evening for the healing of their bodies.

Preparations were being made to move the Northwest Bible and Music Academy from Lemmon to Minot. Much interest was manifested as Brother Mooneyham, the new president, moderated the school program. Many former students told of the great blessing the school had been to them.

The evangelistic tide was running high and great revivals are being reported from over the State.

#### WASHINGTON AND OREGON

Through the leadership of Brother R. C. Muncey, overseer, Washington experienced, no doubt, the greatest youth camp and camp meeting in its history. The youth camp opened a few days before the camp meeting, and by the time the camp meeting started practically every boy and girl attending had been saved. The altar service was most outstanding with from thirty to forty people filling it practically every night, seeking God for salvation. Charles Conn, of the Publishing House, Sister Conn and Odine Morse were highly praised for their outstanding messages and instructions at the youth program.

Apparently, every one present had a gift for music. Most anyone could play the piano or sing specials. The sweet spirit of fellowship of the saints was keenly felt, which made the meeting no pleasant. Everything was done to make one's visit a pleasure, even to the cooking of Southern biscuits for the writer. A new campground is being developed for the camp meeting of Washington and Oregon next year. It is our opinion that the camp meeting in the great Northwest is only in its infancy.

#### ALABAMA

It was my happy privilege to attend a few days of the Alabama camp meeting. However, it may be of little benefit to say much about it, because, from

the appearance, a great many of you were there. From the crowd, most of the church folks in Alabama and many from Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Kentucky, and Louisiana were there. I don't know how many more, but I am sure I saw people from all of these states. Brother Paulk of Greenville, S. C., was doing the night preaching. You who have heard him do not wonder that people drove for miles to hear him again.

Wave after wave of glory swept the great congregation as various preachers preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

Brother W. E. Johnson, state overseer, assisted by his state youth director, made glowing reports of the work this year. Approximately twenty new churches have been set in order since last Assembly, which makes Alabama first place in the organization of new churches. Children's church for the juniors was conducted every day at the camp meeting, which gave them a prominent part in the camp meeting.

Eternity alone will reveal all the good accomplished at this great camp meeting.

#### LOUISIANA

The state overseer of Louisiana, Brother T. M. McClendon, is no novice when it comes to camp meetings and conventions. He has been a minister in the Church a long time and knows how to arrange a well-balanced program, including every department of the Church— orphanage, missions, Lee College, Church publications, Y. P. E., L. W. W. B., and Sunday School. Everything had been arranged for on the program. Brother Dych and some of the children from the Home were there to boost the orphanage program. Many former outstanding Lee College students from both north and south Louisiana were also present to stress the need of education. And so the program rode on without a hitch. Brother R. R. Walker, General Secretary-Treasurer, who accompanied me on this trip, greatly blessed the convention with his inspiring messages.

#### MISSISSIPPI

Brother John Byrd, overseer of Mississippi, is a wide-awake overseer. He not only allows no grass to grow under his feet but will not let much grow under yours if you stay around him. His state, as well as his convention, is well organized to make it bring the greatest results, and he had the full cooperation of the ministers.

The Spirit of God was present in every service, but I feel safe in saying that the missions service exceeded them all. People wept, shouted, and prayed, and they gave of their means to take the gospel to other lands. The crowd was not so large, but the floor offering amounted to approximately \$1,300. The entire convention was inspired by Spirit-filled singers who rendered many good songs. Special consideration was given the evangelists as well as the evangelistic program.

#### ARKANSAS

Arkansas claims to have had one of the best camp meetings in history. The meeting was held in a tent at Bald Knob near the center of the State. Most of the ministers seem to agree that this was an ideal place, and it is quite likely that this will become a permanent place for the camp meeting. Brother L. L. Hughes, state overseer, was not reluctant in saying that he was sure he was in God's will and God had sent him there. He is held in high esteem and respected by all the ministers in the State. The state treasurer gave a financial report which was very encouraging and indicated a very careful handling of state funds.

J. H. Hughes, overseer of California, was the night speaker and brought great messages, which convinced the hearers that they were very fortunate to have him. A special feeling of appreciation, fellowship and confidence was prevalent throughout the meeting. Where such a spirit exists, the presence of the Holy Ghost can always be felt. There was not a dry service in the entire camp meeting. Most everyone left the camp meeting determined to do more for God than ever before.

#### MONTANA AND WYOMING

Castlerock Camp is in the edge of the mountains, twenty-seven miles from Bozeman, the nearest church. Therefore, it is necessary for most everyone to camp, which makes it a real camp meeting. The attendance at the Bible study and day services was almost as large as that at night. Both preachers and members from the states of Montana and Wyoming were there, as well as visitors from other states.

It was not the first camp meeting in Montana for the state overseer, Brother Pospisil. His previous experience, no doubt, assisted him in making this the best camp meeting of all times.

The camp meeting was not limited to Church of God members, but people

from other churches also attended, some of which united with the Church before the meeting was over.

Brother Pettyjohn and Brother Willson were the guest speakers and held the congregation spellbound, both in the regular preaching services and the Bible study classes.

If you ever want to take a summer vacation, you ought to try Montana during this camp meeting. Heaven surely drew near the mountains of Montana during the camp meeting there.

## NEW MEXICO

The churches of New Mexico have always been known for their liberality. They can give as much money for their number as anyone I know. Their mission offering always surprises me. This camp meeting was no exception. All of the churches and ministers were standing 100 per cent behind their overseer, Brother Stanley. They readily gave much of the credit for the excellent condition of the churches to him.

The services were full of information and inspiration to the very last. The local church where the camp meeting convened was temporarily out of a pastor, but one could never detect it from the services. The state youth director, Charles Tilly, who was later installed as pastor, assumed the responsibility, and everything, including the entertainment, seemed to run perfectly. The special singing, led by Brother Tilly and Brother and Sister Rickels, assisted by other local talent, filled the camp meeting with some of the best singing ever heard by mortal ear. Vessie Hargrave, the guest speaker, brought many shouts, as well as tears, from the audience as he brought one soul-stirring message after another.

## IOWA

One could never forget the expression on the face of the overseer, Brother Cox, as the historic Iowa camp meeting soared higher and higher, far beyond his highest expectation. He was unable to control his emotions as one after another prayed through. Scores of people filled the altar, and many were filled with the Holy Ghost. Among those saved were the man and his wife who owned the land where the camp meeting was held. I understand that he had not attended church for many years. Perhaps the overseer's greatest surprise came when the mission offering almost doubled his highest hope.

Many hard hours had been spent in

erecting a tent, camping tents, kitchen and dining tents, installing water, lights, etc., but this all seemed to be forgotten and the waves of glory rolled far into the night. No one complained of the noise inasmuch as the campground was a large grove with no dwellings near it.

Brother Dowdy, overseer of Kansas, was the evangelistic preacher. It was following his powerful messages that the altar was filled with seekers. The Blackwood quartet rendered special singing on Sunday and Monday nights, which contributed much to the meeting. We are hoping for the greatest revival of all times to break out in the State of Iowa.

## COLORADO

The last convention was in Colorado Springs, Colo. Brother W. J. Cothern, of Florida, who was appointed overseer last year, knew exactly how to moderate the camp meeting. He had attended the great camp meeting at Wimauma, Florida, for many years. A tent was erected near the local church, and the local church was provided with cots and beds for the visitors and

campers. The local church also served meals for the entire camp meeting. Everyone seemed to have a good name for their overseer and had a feeling that if they could just keep him there, there will soon be a much greater report from the churches in Colorado. A new church had recently been organized, which has grown to be one of the leading churches. If they can get pastors, they are hoping to organize several more in the near future. If there is anybody who really feels the call to the work of the Lord and wants a place to do something for God, he can find an opening field in Colorado and Utah.

Brother Cothern's family assisted him greatly in the music, and all of them seemed to have their hearts in the work. Brother Daniels of Louisiana was the guest speaker at the night services. His messages were greatly appreciated. The mission offering was beyond our expectation, and enough can never be said of the interest shown in the work there and of the camp meeting spirit. It is our firm conviction that great times are just ahead for the Church of God.



The Church of God at Blacksburg, S. C., had a successful Daily Vacation Bible School, with 116 in attendance in the mornings and from 75 to a hundred at night.

The D.V.B.S. had 126 enrolled and 116 certificates were issued. Good interest was shown all the way through.

Dr. J. M. Baird was the director, and assistant teachers were Mrs. Mattie Vines, Bobby Sue Wright, Junior Earls, and Joe Watkins.

During the night sessions fifteen received the Holy Ghost, eleven were sanctified, twelve were saved, and eleven adults joined the church.—J. W. Watkins, Pastor, Box 16, Blacksburg, S. C.

# Acts and Teachings of the Church of God

## CHURCH

### Name of Church

"Decision harmoniously made, CHURCH OF GOD, 1 Cor. 1:1; 2 Cor. 1:1."—2nd A., B. M., p. 22.

### Opposed to Union of Church and State

"We are opposed to the union of church and state under any circumstances."—3rd A., B. M., p. 27.

### State, or Local Church, May Be Incorporated

"That where the Executive Board and state overseer decide the best interest of the Church can be served by the state as a whole, or any local church, being incorporated, the state overseer shall have authority to supervise such procedure on the part of the Church, as is required by the laws of the state in incorporation."—39th A., p. 30.

### Church Suffering Undue Reproach

"Whereas, The Church of God is suffering undue reproach by the slanderous title 'Holy Rollers' that is in common use before the public in referring to its members and work, 'Be it known to all men everywhere and unto all nations that we, the Church of God, assembled in this the Eleventh Annual Assembly, at Cleveland, Tennessee, November 1-7, do hereby and hereafter disclaim and repudiate the title 'Holy Rollers' in reference to the Church of God.

"In consequence of this decision we herewith give general notice to the public that all reference to the Church of God by the use of the above title 'Holy Rollers,' by the public press or otherwise, will be considered as a slanderous and malignant offence.

"This was accepted in full, and it was advised by the Assembly that it be published in the *Evangel* and other papers so as to give it wide circulation."—11th A., pp. 17, 18.

"That the Church of God is definitely opposed to any form of dictatorship in matters pertaining to state and civil government. We heartily endorse the democratic way of life and faithfully pledge ourselves to its support, maintenance and progress."—37th A., p. 36.

### Churches (Smaller) to be Grouped Together

"We also recommend that the smaller churches be grouped together for one pastor, as the overseers may arrange."—12th A., p. 29.

"That pastors and churches be re-

quired to keep all property under their care adequately insured where practical."—38th A., p. 30.

### Churches a Part of the Assembly

"The names of all the local churches recorded in various *Minutes*, including this one, are the result of the faithful services of the ministers and representatives of the General Assembly, and when thus received by the said representatives of the General Assembly, they then became and composed a part of the General Assembly."—15th A., p. 50.

"If a church is organized and they do not accept the teachings of the Assembly, they cannot be recognized by Headquarters as a Church of God."—15th A., p. 68.

### Church Has No Inner Circle

"There is no inner working circle in the Church of which the laity has no knowledge."—22nd A., p. 32.

"The Church of God stands now, as it has always stood, for the whole Bible, rightly divided, and for the New Testament as the only rule for government and discipline. It has been necessary at times for the General Assembly of the Church to search the Scriptures and interpret the meaning of the Bible to arrive at what is the true and proper teaching of the Church on various subjects, but always with the purpose and intention to base our teachings strictly upon the Bible.

"For this purpose, a committee was appointed to report at the 1910 Assembly giving a collection of some of the teachings made prominent by the Church, together with the Scriptures upon which these teachings were based and that committee did report, and the matter contained in the report is set forth on page 47 of the printed *Minutes* of that Assembly.

"However, the *Minutes* do not show that the report was officially adopted by the Assembly. The matters set forth in that report are simply a collection of some of the more important things that we have always believed, practiced, and taught, and is the law as set forth in the Holy Bible. We do not now attempt, and never have attempted, to make a law, but we have merely interpreted the Scriptures and we have here set forth the laws that we have found there.

"In order that there may be a rec-

ord of the Divine Law, as set forth in the Scriptures, and as found and interpreted by the Assembly, it is now declared and reaffirmed that we accept and stand for the whole Bible rightly divided, and for the New Testament as our rule of faith and practice and we do now declare the laws and teachings of the Bible as set forth in the report of the said committee on page 47 of the *Minutes* of the 1910 Assembly, under the heading 'Church of God Teachings' to be the official findings and interpretations of the 1930 Assembly of the Church of God upon the teachings and subjects thereon dealt with."—25th A., p. 23.

### Church (local)

"Local churches refrain from taking action on the selection of pastors until authorized to do so by the state overseer."—28th A., p. 38.

"Whereas, we find that circumstances and conditions oftentimes make it impractical for our present order of deacons to conveniently and properly render such service as the local church and pastor may need, we recommend that all deacon licenses be recalled, and the future order will be that the local church and pastor select annually such men as are qualified, and shall be needed to counsel with and work under the pastor in carrying on the local church work."—42nd A., p. 27.

### Church Buildings

"That location and plans for new church buildings and parsonages be submitted to and approved by the state and district overseers in their respective territories."—35th A., p. 30.

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# This Is the Will of God

By Rev. Fred C. Kidd, Stockton, Calif.

All evangelical denominations believe in sanctification. You could preach on this subject in almost any church and never raise an argument with either pastor or laity. Even the Roman Catholics believe in sanctification, and, after their own fashion, preach about it. But the vital thing that so many seem unable to see is that there is a vast difference between preaching about an experience and really preaching that experience. Plenty of people preach about Christ but never preach Christ. Most people preach about the Bible, but few preach the Bible. The idea then is to get the subject of sanctification straight in our minds and hearts that we may know what the Word teaches concerning this great doctrine. Since there are many different theories of this experience, it is evident that some of them are wrong. There can hardly be three or four correct doctrines concerning sanctification. Since holiness people lay the greatest emphasis upon their particular brand of sanctification, it seems that the burden of prayer is upon us to show why we are right. In other words, why do we have a right to insist that sanctification is a second work of grace? In answer, let us examine a few of the popular theories and see how they stand up.

1. We are sanctified at death.
2. We are sanctified in purgatory.
3. We grow into sanctification.
4. We are sanctified through a constant suppression of evil.
5. We are sanctified subsequent to the new birth.

We shall consider these theories in order.

1. *We are sanctified at death.* Let me ask, "What is sanctification?" It is a twofold work; it purifies and dedicates; it cleanses the heart from all evil and sets the Christian apart for the service of God. In the light of this truth, the theory under consideration would not be correct, for the Bible teaches clearly that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin. Death has no power to cleanse from sin; the blood of Christ must do this. Besides, if we cannot be sanctified until death, that is too late to do us any good. The lowest standard God has fixed for us in this life is a

life free from sin. So it seems that since it is in this life we must live holy, it is here that we need the experience which makes such a life of victory possible.

2. *We are sanctified in purgatory.* Purgatory does not exist. The Bible nowhere mentions such a place, and no one but Catholics seem to have any fear of going there.

3. *We grow into sanctification.* The Bible teaches us that we should grow in grace, but nowhere does it teach us that it is possible to grow into grace. Besides, who has been able to produce a single witness in the last two thousand years to testify to the reality of a growth into sanctification?

4. *We are sanctified through a constant suppression of evil.* Not according to the apostle Paul are we sanctified in this manner. It is not suppression with him; it is eradication. Let us see. "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin," Romans 6:6. And again, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness," Romans 6:17, 18. Here is no suppression of evil, no caging of the serpent, but an absolute destruction of the sin principle in the heart.

5. *We are sanctified subsequent to the new birth.* The first work is not sanctification. We quote from the Lord's prayer in St. John 17. "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world," John 17:14. "I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me," John 17:9. Does this sound as if the disciples were yet unconverted? No, so we are forced to the conclusion that these men were saved before this prayer was ever prayed. Then, what is the burden of the prayer? "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." If these men were saved and yet unsanctified, how can that prayer be answered without a second work?

It is impossible to place a consistent interpretation upon many scriptures without admitting the necessity

of sanctification subsequent to the new birth. Here are some of the verses that teach clearly to any reasonable mind the reality of two works of grace.

"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow," Psalm 51:7.

"That they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me (Jesus)," Acts 26:18.

"Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded," James 4:8.

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, (forgiven sins) and a pure heart (sanctified nature)," Psalm 24:3, 4.

The foregoing quotations are but a sample of the many passages that imply two works of grace. I repeat that in order to be consistent we must accept this view. The new birth brings about the forgiveness of our actual transgressions, but there is a principle of sin that must be dealt with. John tells us that if we say we do not have a sin principle which must be eradicated, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8. He goes further to point out not only forgiveness but also eradication, saying in the ninth verse of the same chapter, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

I should like to cite to you a passage by Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians. If you will read the first three chapters of this letter you will find that in this large church there were a few who were sanctified (chapter 1:2) and many who were carnal (chapter 3:1-4). What made the difference between these two classes of Christians? Nothing could have made it but sanctification which many of them had not yet obtained.

The model prayer given by our Lord to the disciples is all-embracing. Every time we pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," we are praying for the sanctification of all believers for this is the will of God even your sanctification.

Jesus prayed that all believers might be sanctified. If we are going to take Him for our Example, then we must pray for those who are seeking God to be sanctified. The Scripture teaches us that Jesus left us an example that we should follow in Him

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## Four Orphanages Operated in Bradley Area

By TOM GALLANT

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A staff of twenty directs the many activities of the homes, which are supported by voluntary contributions of interested citizens.

The youths on the two farms enjoy "home style" service during meals. Large dishes of food are placed on the table, and they help themselves. The food at the Lee Highway home is cooked on electric ranges—and a group aids in the preparation of meals. This task force is rotated, and youths interested in cooking have a chance to learn how it is done. Fifteen boys are now learning the secret of food preparation.

The children attend public schools. The school-age residents on Lee Highway are taken by bus to Johnston School, about two miles from their home.

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Some of the children attend Lee College—fourteen were enrolled in the high-school division last year. "There is no limit to the education for a worthy child," the Rev. Dych said.

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### DIVINELY HEALED

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I praise the Lord for healing our little two-and-a-half-year-old girl who had convulsions with measles and bronchitis for eight days and nights. She had fever as high as 104 sometimes, which never cooled for even five minutes at a time.

seemed she was in the jaws of death. We held on to God, knowing He was able to heal. On the eighth morning God anointed a sister to lay her hands on her and pray, and the high fever left her and she sat up in the bed, opened her eyes, drank some milk, and spoke a few words. God has been so real to me, praise His holy name.—Mrs. Verla Berry.

ROANOKE, Ala.—I praise the Lord for healing me of appendicitis. I had suffered for several hours and was in a terrible condition, when God, through His tender mercy, touched my body and I was soon able to go to sleep and rest some.—Clyde Holland.

### TELEGRAM

City-wide tent revival growing larger as it continues. More than 100 saved, 40 sanctified, and 30 baptized with Holy Ghost. Crowds getting larger and altar services better. One of the greatest altar services last night. Tent is 60 by 150 feet and is being packed and others standing around. Looks and seems like a big camp meeting. Evangelist A. V. Childers and party, with local talent, in charge.—Pastor L. W. McIntyre, Church of God, Charleston; Pastor



## Some Things to Think About

### WORLD FAMOUS PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION TO MARK 72D YEAR

A one-hundred-voice chorus, made up of men that have been converted at Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, will be the main feature of PGM's 72d anniversary rally to be held September 25, at Chicago's renowned Stevens Hotel.

Last year, over 8,000 men, women, and servicemen professed to accept Christ at PGM. During anniversary week, Superintendent Saulnier will present a new program for rehabilitating converts through Bible study, prayer, and full-time occupation under close supervision.

Billy Sunday, Mel Trotter, Harry Monroe, Walter (Happy Mac) MacDonald, John Troy and thousands of

others have found Christ at PGM throughout the years. Today, almost one-half of the Mission converts are young servicemen given the gospel by personal workers and in special meetings as they come to the dormitory and canteen.

### NORTH CAROLINA'S L.W.W.B. REPORT BY DISTRICTS JULY, 1948, THROUGH MAY, 1949

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Wilmington District	\$1,429.96
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Fayetteville District	5,135.98
Kannapolis District	6,877.18
Erwin District	4,061.88
Charlotte District	6,282.33
Rocky Mount District	2,558.03
Gastonia District	6,691.75

Henderson District	12,076.88
Greensboro District	8,381.34
Canton District	2,920.00
Lenoir District	2,919.58
Brevard District	838.87
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## THE BIBLE PLAN OF SAVATION

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NAL WORLD (having passed to the third heaven on one occasion), and his mind was set on going there. Read his testimony at the close of his life in 2 Tim. 4:6-8.

Death is not the cessation of existence; rather, it is the ceasing of the activities of an earthly life and the beginning of a life with God that will continue through eternity. What a great consolation it is, when following that loved one to the cemetery (who died in the Lord) to know that it is not good-bye forever; that in a little while friends and loved ones will be reunited in the GLORY WORLD WITH CHRIST.

"This then is the message which we have heard of him (Christ) and declare unto you," 1 John 1:5. The scriptures constantly affirm that these things are true. "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ," 1 John 5:20, because, we have experienced a

4. PASSING OVER from death (spiritual) unto life ETERNAL.

The prophet Ezekiel declared that the soul that sinneth shall die, Ezek. 18:4. That is exactly what God said to Adam in the garden of Eden. "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," Gen. 2:17.

The sin of Adam was no little thing. It cursed the WOMAN, MAN, SERPENT, AND THE EARTH. Through the disobedience of one man (Adam), the many were made sinners. What a tragedy! One man brought down the wrath of God upon the entire race. But listen, God made provision for the substitutionary death of His Son upon the cross that through the obedience of one man (Christ) sinners can be made righteous. Oh, yes; there is a way out. Ezekiel says again, "WHY WILL YE DIE?" Ezek. 18:31. That is what God is saying to you, "WHY WILL YE DIE?" It is true that every sinner has a sentence of ETERNAL DEATH hanging over him, but Jesus took our place; Christ gave himself a RANSOM FOR ALL. The apostle Paul says, "I am carnal (fleshly), sold under sin. . . who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord," Rom. 7:14, 24, 25.

Dear reader, there is one thing you need to do (if you are unsaved): build your life around the Christ of the Bible. There is no other plan for SALVATION but the one given in His Word. Jesus spanned the great chasm between you and God. He is the bridge that you must cross to get to God.

## THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD

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steps. We very seldom hear even Church of God folks praying for the sanctification of believers. We need to awake to the fact as never before that without holiness, no man shall see the Lord.

## REVIVAL IN MOSINEE, WISCONSIN

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Spirit. Truly this experience is good for the young and for the old.

Friday night we observed Communion and feet washing, and what a blessed time we had! It seemed that heaven really came down. One sister had suffered severely with backaches, to the extent that she had to carry a pillow to church with her for comfort, and while in the act of washing feet, the mighty healing power of God struck her and completely healed her of this back condition. She saw me the next night, and said, "Brother, I don't have to have my pillow any more."

To make the revival more of a success, we were privileged to have Rev. Robert Ward, of South Bend, Ind., to lead the singing and render specials; and little Jonnie Lee Kidd sang songs that thrilled everyone who heard her. She is a consecrated little girl.

We feel that the church has been helped and blessed in having this evangelistic party with us. They are certainly consecrated and co-operative workers.—Joseph E. Cox, Pastor.

## SOUTH CAROLINA'S CAMP MEETING ECHOES

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services. The very last service was crowded with hundreds unable to get near the tent.

Brother Ray Hughes, our camp meeting speaker, was at his best. Night after night he brought messages that stirred the hearts of the listening thousands. Night after night the long altar was filled with hungry hearts seeking God.

Space will not permit my telling all the good things of this great camp meeting. The sunrise prayer meetings, the Bible studies, the youth days, the Children's church, the sermons by our own state ministers, and the great healing services were all great and worthy. I believe that this great camp meeting, with all the love, unity and power that was manifested, is an index finger pointing and showing the way to the great Holy Ghost revival with which the Lord would bless our entire land in these last days.—Linwood Jacobs, clerk.

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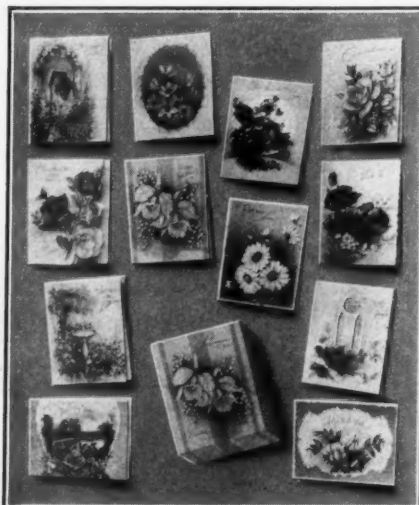


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